

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

REGULAR SESSION

April 6, 2015

COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise Scalph, Matthew Wender, John H. Lopez

The Fayette County Commission met for a regular meeting on this 6th day of April, 2015.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

President Scalph motioned to approve Fayette County Commission Meeting minutes from January 7th, 23rd, 28th, 30th and February 3rd, 9th, 10th, 13th, 20th of 2015. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve invoices and release checks today and approve 1st half of payroll for April to be released on April 15th. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission recessed to go upstairs to Judge Hatcher's Courtroom for the swearing in of Jack Booda, County Surveyor. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve and sign order. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission reconvened at 9:30 a.m.

The Commission held the first reading of the ordinance authorizing the advance refunding of the Fayette County Building Commission Lease Revenue Bond. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the first reading. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision

Eddie Young, Assessor, appeared before the Commission to present exonerations for personal property taxes and refunds for real property

taxes. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve exonerations for personal property taxes. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve refunds for real property taxes. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Adam Hodges, WV State Institute Agent and Mike King appeared to request funding for Morris Creek Water Shed. The request was for \$5,000.00; \$3,000.00 will go towards travel expenses and \$2,000.00 will be used for salary. The Morris Creek Water Shed proposed hiring an agent. Upper Kanawha Valley Economic Development Corporation and the New River Gorge Regional Development Association will be giving the Morris Creek Water Shed \$6,000.00 for salary. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve a change in Morris Creek Water Shed allocation for 2014/2015 to \$2,000.00 for salary and \$3,000.00 to go toward travel expenses, and to also approve \$2,000.00 for salary for the 2015/2016 budget. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented Hazard Mitigation leases for Cassandra Davis, and James and Patsy Willis for President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve leases and for President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a grant application for the Lillian James Learning Center in the amount of \$2,315.75. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve grant. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Barbara Hickman-Toombs, President of Friends of Lewis House, requesting funds in the amount of

\$5,000.00 for the Friends of Lewis House out of the 2015/2016 budget. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve request for \$5,000.00 from the Friends of Lewis House. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission approved the appointment of Adam Hodges to the New River Recreation Trail Committee.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Eric Hambrick, Music Director at Fayetteville Elementary School, to use the Fayette County Memorial Building for holding a spring musical concert on May 14th and 19th of 2015. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the request. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Lesley Taylor, Region IV, appeared to discuss the Armstrong Deepwater PSD Small Cities Block Grant for a water distribution upgrade. Commissioner Wender motioned for the Fayette County Commission to endorse the Armstrong Deepwater PSD Small Cities Block Grant application and make it their number one priority. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. Commissioner Wender requested for Gabe Peña and Kelly Jo Drey, Assistant and Resource Coordinators, to write a letter to the legislators requesting support for Armstrong Deepwater PSD Small Cities Block Grant.

Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the 2014/2015 budget revision in the amount of \$695,477.00. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a letter to Governor Tomlin regarding Senate Bill No. 488 and the creation of the Broadband Enhancement Council for

the Commission to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign the letter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission held a discussion regarding the Courthouse Facilities Improvement Grant for the roof project. They discussed whether the roof project should be completed in 3 phases or 2 phases. The Commission agreed to write a letter for an extension and then apply for monies next year so the project can be completed all at once. Commissioner Wender motioned to make a formal request to have the funds awarded for this year be held for next year, while making note that the Commission is not forfeiting the money, just holding until the Commission can apply for money next year. This is in hopes of saving the state up to \$30,000.00. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented and read a letter to the WV DEP officials from the Commission requesting information regarding the two injection wells operated by Danny Webb Construction in Lochgelly.

Ms. Berry presented a letter from Gabe Peña resigning from the Fayette County Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Wender motioned to accept the resignation of Gabe Peña from the Fayette County Solid Waste Authority. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a proclamation declaring the week of April 12-18, 2015 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. The telecommunicators being acknowledged are: James Bennett, Jordan Neal, Stephanie Key, Emma E. Kelly, Anna K. Gillman, Andrea Coleman, Amanda Arthur, Rebecca S. Hutchens, Steve Hylton, Kevin S. White, Tonja S. McMullen, Charles F. Bennett, Jewell Donnelson, Lisa Neff, Charles

Williams III, Paul Morris and Melissa Via. Commissioner Lopez motioned to sign the proclamation. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission entered into an executive session at 11:14 a.m. Commissioner Wender offered a motion to discuss an personnel matter. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The Commission reconvened at 11:50 a.m.

Commissioner Wender motioned to have the 2 individuals who are actively out of Personnel Manual Guidelines to be suspended for 3 days without pay, effective as soon as notices can be prepared. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Sharon Cruikshank, New River CVB, and Doug Maddy, Southern WV CVB, appeared to give the Commission a local and regional marketing update. Ms. Cruikshank and Mr. Maddy presented a check to show what tourists have spent in Fayette County in the amount of \$5,990,000.00. Ms. Cruikshank gave an update on the changes to the Bridge Day Commission bylaws. The changes made by the Bridge Day Commission to the bylaws consist of: changes in advisory seats and 3 additional non-voting seats; one for the community at large preferably from the Vendor Segment of the event; and one for BASE community and one for the Rappel community due to their long standing importance to the event and community. Commissioner Wender motioned to accept recommendation of Bridge Day Commission adding 3 non-voting advisory seats for the term of 2 years. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 3:46 p.m. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the Democratic and Republican poll worker list. President Scalph seconded. Unanimous decision.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.